

HOUSE BILL 2109

By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun safety courses and training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) The department shall also require an applicant to submit proof of the successful completion of a handgun safety course approved by the Tennessee bureau of investigation. Such course shall include both classroom hours and firing range hours. An applicant shall not be required to comply with the firing range provisions of this subsection if such applicant submits proof to the Tennessee bureau of investigation that within five (5) years from the date the application for a handgun carry permit is filed the applicant has:

- (1) Been certified by the peace officer standards and training commission;
- (2) Successfully completed training at the law enforcement training academy;

(3) Successfully completed the firearms training course required for armed security officer/guard registration, pursuant to § 62-35-118(b); or

(4) Successfully completed all handgun training required by any branch of the military that is not less than four (4) hours as required by any branch of the military.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee bureau of investigation shall have the power to do all things necessary and proper to establish uniform statewide minimum standards for the certification and regulation of firing ranges, handgun safety schools and handgun safety instructors, including the promulgation of rules and regulations concerning application process, fees and disciplinary action.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.